

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING December 15, 2004

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary (arrived at 1:14 pm)
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member
Joan Heskett, Public Member
Don Nichols, Public Member

Attorney General Representative:

Dawn Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and Action

Ms. Estrada made a motion to approve the November 17, 2004 regular meeting minutes. Chairman Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0. Ms. Estrada made a motion to approve the March 26, 2003 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

First time before the Board complaint 2005-004 (UC) James Moore, L.Ac.

The complaint was brought against Mr. Moore because he had sub-leased office space and terminated his lease without giving notice.

After discussing the matter the Board did not find it fell within the Board's jurisdiction. Chairman Malone made a motion to dismiss the complaint against Mr. Moore. Mr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

IV. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Acupuncture License

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve licensure for:

Julie Rae
Dale G. Carlson
Gary Marx
Anita R. Curry
Antionette Mansi
Banya H. Lim
Jason Benet
Denice M. Gaddie
Matthew R. Daniel
Teresa M. Sohoni
Monti S. Gores

Dr. Quintana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Auricular Certificate

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve auricular certification for:

Kristina M. Hefner
Soni Tiounoff
Maria Sorensen
Barbara Bronemann

Mr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

V. Re-consideration of Acupuncture Program - Review, Discussion and Action. The board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice

New information came to light since the last Board meeting regarding the clinic hours of training at the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute. Their clinic training hours

are 60 minutes long. Arizona law defines an hour as, at least 50 minutes. The argument being that the 750, 60-minute hour meets and exceeds Arizona's minimum requirement of 800, 50-minute hours.

Chairman Malone made a motion to go into executive session so the Board could get legal advice. Mr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0. The executive session started at 1:11 pm.

1:16 pm, back in regular meeting session.

A representative of the University of Bridgeport was present and answered Board questions about the clinic's 60 minute hour.

Chairman Malone made a motion to rescind the Board's previous denial of the University of Bridgeport's acupuncture training program. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Chairman Malone made a motion that based on new information and previous information, to approve the training program at the University of Bridgeport, Acupuncture Institute. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 - 0

VI. Re-Consideration of Candidates for licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Licensure candidate Susan Rudderham was present. Dr. Grout made a motion to rescind the Board's denial of licensure to Susan Rudderham. Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

The Board re-considered Ms. Rudderham's application since the University of Bridgeport's training program was approved. Dr. Grout made a motion to approve Ms. Rudderham for licensure. Mr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

VII Consideration of Acupuncture Program: – Review, Discussion and Action. The Board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice.

Community School of Traditional Chinese Healthcare, Inc.

Chairman Malone made a motion to go into executive session to get legal advice. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Executive session started at 1:25 pm.

Back in regular session at 1:29 pm

Chairman Malone tabled the consideration of the Community School of Traditional Chinese Healthcare, Inc. acupuncture training program of the Chairman Malone directed staff to send a letter to the school to supply information about it's program, within 60 days, so the Board can review.

VIII. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Chairman Malone tabled consideration of licensure to candidate Mayda Carrillo and made a substantive request to provide information on her schools program. Staff to notify her of the request and to supply the school information so the Board can consider it for approval.

IX. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

Legislative Committee. The committee did not meet so there was no report.

The Executive Director discussed with the Board the legislative process and statutes that dictate a change in scope. The profession should put forth legislation that increases the scope of practice. The Board should deal with those issues relating to regulation.

Ms. Estrada volunteered to be on the legislative committee along with Chairman Malone and Dr. Grout.

Auricular Certification. Ms Estrada brought up some issues involving the auricular acupuncturists. One of the issues was the late fees and felt it was too high compared to what they pay for renewal.

There was discussion as to where the renewal notices should go. The Board directed staff to send a letter to the clinic director of each site and they can then give the notice to the practitioners at each site whether to send their renewal notice to the clinic or to their home.

The Board directed staff to send a letter to all the clinic sites to review the laws and rules relating to auricular acupuncture and certification.

X. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reported on the latest revenue report.

For informational purposes Chairman Malone provided the Board with bullet points from the FAOMRA meeting. It was discussed to have the Executive Director and a Board representative go to each conference to represent Arizona.

XI. Future Agenda Items

At the January meeting, election of Board chairperson and secretary. ARS 32-3902 (D).

Set fees for 2005. ARS 32-3902 (A)

Staff was directed to prepare projections on fees to cover scenarios that reflect a reduction by 25 or 50 dollars on renewals and initial licensing.

Put legislation and rules as an ongoing agenda item

XII. Future Meeting Dates

Next scheduled meeting date is January 26, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in conference room B-1.

XIII. Call to the Public

Lloyd Wright informed the Board that he and Catherine Niemic are the legislative committee for AZSOMA and would work on the legislative issues.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairman Malone made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig
Executive Director